

WAR MATERIAL FOR THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, ETC.

JANUARY 25, 1921.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FIELDS, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15664.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 15664, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The bill (H. R. 15664) is recommended by the Secretary of War, as per letter from the Secretary, which is made a part of this report and which reads:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 8, 1921.

The CHAIRMAN,
Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to draft of an act herewith, which it is desired to submit for consideration of your committee, with the request that it be introduced with the approval of the committee.

The proposed act deals with the matter of furnishing to the National Museum, for exhibition, articles of arms, equipment and matériel issued to or produced for the Army, and with the disposal of the colors, standards and guidons of demobilized organizations of the Army to the various States; and also ratifies the action heretofore taken by me as to both of these matters.

Respectfully,

NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

It is the information of your committee that much of the material referred to in the bill has already been furnished to the National Museum and is now on exhibition in that institution, but upon investigation it was decided that there was no authority of law for such disposition of said material. Section 3 of the bill is, therefore, designed to ratify the action of the Secretary of War in thus disposing of such material.